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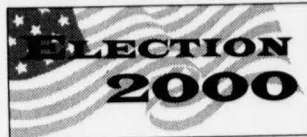
December 11, 2000

Court temporarily halts Florida recounts

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

After Florida's Supreme Court ruled to go ahead with manual recounts Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily halted the counts Saturday to review both sides of the recount debate.

On the eve of historic U.S. Supreme Court arguments, Al



Gore's attorney said Sunday that the vice president urgently needs a legal victory to recount Florida's

votes or "that's the end of the road" for his push for the presidency.

George W. Bush's lawyers asked the high court to overturn a Florida Supreme Court recount plan, saying it was "virtually guaranteed to incite controversy, suspicion and lack of confidence" in the first American presidential election of the 21st century.

Some San Jose State University students are among those suspicious of the recount.

"In Florida, you have to wonder if Bush's brother did anything to mess with that," said David Vallejo, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering at SJSU, about the validity of the recount process.

In briefs filed late Sunday, Democratic attorneys previewed their case for the 90-minute court session that could bring a close to the 33-day election drama.

"Voters have important rights to have their ballots counted, and the magnitude of those rights dwarfs" any legal arguments raised by Bush, the vice president's brief

read.

The high court justices voted 5-4 Saturday to temporarily halt manual recounts in Florida.

Gore, who trails Bush by less than 200 votes out of 6 million cast, said he wants to recount about 45,000 disputed ballots throughout

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Fee ruling not felt at SJSU

By Diana M. Ramirez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A federal judge ruled Friday that the method the University of Wisconsin uses to hand out money collected from students for campus organizations is unconstitutional.

A fee return procedure, already in use by San Jose State University, would prevent such an event from happening here.

In a Supreme Court ruling for the Madison, Wis., school, the mandatory student fees were approved. The method of distribution, however, was examined in the lower federal court.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz said the university's guidelines do not guarantee that the decisions about which campus organizations get the money are free of any biases, which is a requirement of the Supreme Court.

"They challenged the fee on the basis that the school is forcing them to support somebody else's ideology," said Associated Students President Leo Davila.

Some students at the University

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Students argue existence of God

By Liz Cloutman

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Bill Flemming and Joel C. Hunt, both graduate students at San Jose State University, tied for first place in an essay contest sponsored this semester by the philosophy department.

The topic for the essay was the question, "Why is the following statement true or why is it false: 'Either God exists or does not exist?'"

"Although they (the essays) argued for opposing conclusions, they were equally good," said Tom Leddy, acting chairman of the philosophy department.

The \$250 first-place award was split between the two men, who gave brief summaries of their essays at a 4 p.m. reception Friday in Room 104 of the Faculty Offices building.

Flemming, a graduate student in physics, said he based his essay on the idea that the question was whether it is possible for something to exist and not exist at the same time.

He said he thought the question seemed to be based on the

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Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

Loreen Lee, right, a Raiderette and San Jose State University senior, performs at Union Square in San Francisco to support the Salvation Army's Christmas fund-raising event. Each

Raiderette is required to participate in 10 charities per season to promote community involvement.

She wasn't an athlete in high school. She wasn't a cheerleader. She used to hide behind the violins in class and cry.

Now Loreen Lee spins records, warms hearts and turns heads as a Raiderette.

"In high school, I had asked three guys to the prom and they all said no," Lee said. "First, it's very tough for a girl to ask a guy out, and second, it was really tough for a girl who was the butt of everyone's jokes to ask these guys, and it was worse when they all said no. Because of that, I look back and never forget my roots."

Lee, who is majoring in advertising at San Jose State University, said she practices three times a week as a Raiderette

Never say die

SJSU student and Raiderette succeeds through perseverance

By Tiffani Analla / Daily Staff Writer

and performs on Sundays for the Raiders at home games in Oakland.

About 400 girls try out to become Raiderettes and 125 are

asked to return, Lee said. Of those returning 125, about 50 are selected to be on the squad.

There's more to Lee than just being a cheerleader, said fellow

rookie Raiderette La Deana Howard.

"She's just a really caring person," Howard said. "When my car broke down, she would give me a ride to practice."

Howard described Lee as a persevering individual. She said she admires that Lee can juggle school, her personal life and being a cheerleader.

"You have to find quality time for yourself," Howard said. "You have to be a strong person to deal with all these things. She doesn't let people get her down. She's a positive person."

Dean Lee, Loreen's brother, is also a student at SJSU. Dean said his sister has gained more self-esteem since high school

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Brain blessing Mass in time for final help

By Kellie Chittenden

DAILY STAFF WRITER

With a paper due in the morning, an English final Saturday and four finals to look forward to next week, sophomore Molly Ferrie said she needed to have her brain "majorly blessed" Sunday night.

Ferrie, and about 30 other students and 70 community members, attended Sunday night's blessing of the brains Mass held at the Campus Ministry Chapel on 10th Street.

"My brain is going to be

there for sure," Ferrie said.

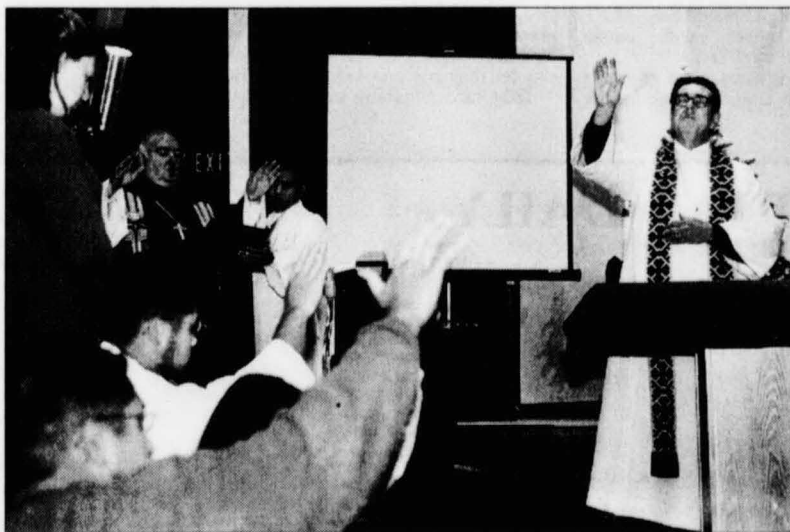
The brain blessing Mass is held twice a year, near the end of each semester to help alleviate the stress that comes with finals crunch time, the Rev. Charlie Dougherty said.

Dougherty was a co-celebrant of the Mass with Bishop Patrick McGrath, who made his annual visit to the parish.

"It's kind of a natural idea," Dougherty said. "We're getting ready for finals, what should we bless? We can't really bless your pens and paper."

Ferrie, a kinesiology major,

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Jackie D'Antonio / Daily Staff

The Rev. Charlie Dougherty said a blessing Sunday for San Jose State University students' brains at the Campus Ministry Chapel on 10th Street. Students, who were gearing up for final exams, also received "brain bags" on their way out, which were filled with snack food for the long hours of studying ahead.

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ment system will be no more.

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Editorial

Coach Baldwin will be missed

If a team wins seven games, the most in eight years, and almost makes a bowl appearance, the coaches and players are doing something right. So, why mess with a good thing?

Following a win Nov. 4 against then-No. 9 ranked Texas Christian University, an ecstatic Dave Baldwin, the Spartans' football coach, said it was time for the school to make a decision on his future.

He wanted an early Christmas present, and he was sure he'd been more nice than naughty.

He was sure he'd been doing everything right, and No. 1 on his list was a four-year extension.

San Jose State University stepped in as Santa Claus and responded with a three-year proposal.

Everything pointed to another season under the Baldwin era.

Everything pointed to a possibility of more wins and a bowl game next season.

That was until SJSU and Baldwin couldn't agree on terms of a contract extension.

It seems the athletics administration rewrote Baldwin's Christmas list to fit their needs.

Don Kassing, vice president of administration and finance, and athletics director Chuck Bell said Baldwin had 24 hours to accept the gift or leave it.

Baldwin opened up the package took a glance and frowned. It wasn't what he asked for.

Kassing and Bell should have let Santa handle the negotiations.

Now everything points to a question mark.

Who will lead our Spartan football team into the promised land in 2001?

To Baldwin, the once appealing three-year deal became revolting, and there's no telling if any coach will lick his chops at the offer.

Baldwin and his agent, Bruce Tollner, said it was obvious the athletics department didn't want him back, and it sure seems that way from the outside.

The \$160,000 a year salary sounds like big bucks, but for college football coaches, it's on the lower end of the scale.

The magical three-year deal comes with a disclaimer.

Look closer, and three years was actually two years with a possibility of becoming one.

But, Bell and Kassing have a reason for placing a load of slop on the table. Right?

We wish that they would share this secret plan with the entire Spartan community.

Bell said he would find a candidate in two weeks, but rushing the selection process will surely be detrimental.

It seems he is more concerned about losing players than hiring a legitimate successor.

We are not totally convinced that Santa's helpers Kassing and Bell won't screw it up again.

In comes Baldwin to the rescue.

Before leaving last week, he talked with the team members about what he expects from them next season.

"I told them I don't want to hear about anybody transferring," he said.

And what did he have to say about helping the new head coach?

"I'll give him advice if he wants to call me."

Thanks Baldwin, for one last decent gesture and for one exciting, drama-filled season.

With any luck, St. Nicholas will give you whatever is No. 2 on the list.

Let's just hope the next coach will pick up where you left off — taking the program in a positive direction.

Neglect leads to a woeful consequence

Last year, around this time, I went to that Christmas in the Park thing.

They had a wishing well, and I remember dropping a whole quarter in that well to get some luck. As I watched the coin spiral down the well's curved edge, I wished for something to brighten up my life.

At that time, I'd just acquired a plant. I thought it was a rather dark joke at the time, that fate would play another strange card.

Me, satisfy another living thing? I barely know how to take care of myself.

The plant was small, but vibrant. There was a spiky flower coming from the top of it.

What I noticed when I came home that night was how vibrant the plant's color was in the dead of winter.

The bright beige and blue colors in the flower and the green stalk were a contrast to everything in my house, and in my life.

If my life was a black-and-white movie, this plant would show up in color.



D.S. Perez

BORN UNDER A BAD SIGN

Things were going well at the time. Jobs, money, class work were all well done. The atmosphere was different in my life. I'd come home and there would be the plant, full of life and color.

I fed it, looked at it for hours. I didn't know much about caring for a plant, but what I did, worked. It always was there and gave me something bright to look forward to, even on the most stressful days.

Since leaving my hometown, it was the closest friend I had in the Bay Area.

Summer came, and so did the world. I was overwhelmed and swamped with work and other duties. I'd come home, too tired for anything. And in that time, I forgot to water the plant.

Not totally forgot, mind you. I'd catch it in the corner of my eye, or notice it at my bedside or computer desk.

My mind was on the world at hand, and I neglected the plant's needs. Being crushed by the world, which moves relentlessly, was a great worry at the time.

"Feed me," it seemed to say.

Not now, I'm busy.

"Feed me."

Can't. I'm tired.

Eventually, the world moved on and I was safe.

When I came home one day, it was a shock to see that once-beautiful plant withered. It was leaning to the side, away from where I was. The color that beamed out had darkened.

That sight made me forget everything I had been doing. All that I was concerned with was the plant.

I put off my chores and placed it in the sunlight. I poured some water into it. I even made changes in my schedule so I could come home for lunch, move it with the sun and put more water into it.

Alas, my efforts were for naught. The plant withered and left this world, and with it, that vibrant energy was gone.

Guilt and anger set in. I tried to comfort myself knowing there are more plants out there.

Still, I thought, what a waste. I killed a beautiful thing.

What color there was in my life, was gone. What I wished for I had received, but I lost the gift.

It has been some time, for the world has moved on.

I have a feeling that it will be a long time before another plant comes my way.

Merry Christmas, and hope your wishes come true too.

D.S. Perez will turn.

"YOU ARE LEAVING THIS PLACE OF DIFFICULT SCHEDULES AND DEMANDING WORK TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD OF 2000 AND WITHOUT TOO MUCH EFFORT, MAKE POTS OF MONEY"



Letters

Election punch cards produce errors, need fixing

I felt the letter by Redford Givens in the Friday issue of the Spartan Daily deserves an engineering reply. He claimed that the IBM punch-card method of voting can't possibly generate machine errors. I contend that he is wrong.

I, too, am a dinosaur, having written thousands of lines of programs using punched cards in the 1960 time frame. Like Mr. Givens, I never saw an error that could be traced to a punched card reader or card punch, provided that the cards were handled in a reasonable way and the equipment was adequately maintained. However, the cards used for voting machines are quite different than the old IBM punched cards. They are partially pre-punched. That is, each chad is outlined with perforations. They are supposed to fall out from a weak push of the sort produced by the pins used during voting.

Could these be partially punched? Yes.

Could these fail to be punched? Yes.

Could handling these cards cause unpunched chads to fall out? Yes.

The chads are weakly attached to their card, so there's a small chance of one falling

out from just flexing or stroking the card.

Also, a pin-punch may not fully separate a chad from its card (the "dimpled" chad). If it fails to separate, it's probably hanging from one edge on its perforations, like a hinge (the "hanging chad"). If that card then passes through the card reader in one direction, the chad will close like a door, counting as no vote. A second pass through the machine may separate it completely, causing a discrepancy in the machine votes.

Then, there are voters who fail to drive the pin all the way through. There's also no way to keep a voter from punching in more than one candidate for the same office. All of these human and mechanical defects can and do occur, but with a very small probability.

Some testimony was given before the Florida Supreme Court by vote card specialists. One claimed an accuracy of 99.9 percent and another of 99.5 percent. This sounds impressive, but the failure rate of 0.1 percent or 0.5 percent, from the millions of votes cast in Florida, looms very large compared to the slender majority now held by Gov. Bush.

IBM card punching machines use a plain

card with no perforations. So the unpunched areas can't be read as a punch and can't just fall out from handling. The probability of a punch failing to make a hole, or of having the chad somehow get reattached is essentially nil. That's why the traditional machine card punching is so reliable.

So those who want no manual recounts (the GOP, mostly) have a valid claim that subsequent handling of the voting cards could cause votes where none were intended. But those who want a manual recount (the Democrats, mostly) also have a valid claim regarding the small probability of a failure to register a vote when one was intended.

How this will all work out is more a legal issue than an engineering one. At this point, no engineering solution exists that would satisfy all the contending parties because the dispute lies in the gray area between a vote and nonvote.

William A. Barrett
assistant professor
computer information and systems
engineering department

Easy steps to relieve the stress of finals

Tomorrow is dead day. The day no classes are scheduled because the university felt a minuscule amount of pity for the students and decided to give them a day off before the hell known as finals begins.

I think I'm speaking on behalf of all the Spartan Daily editors, and probably most of the campus, when I say that I am not, in any way, prepared.

When my parents ask me about my grades, I'm going to have to revert back to Sesame Street and sing the Cookie Monster song, "C is for cookie and that's good enough for me."

But in regard to finals, I find humor in the situation.

Thousands of students get stressed out at the same time twice a year.

It's not natural.

People do crazy things when they're sleep-deprived — which is where I find the humor.

Just look at the people on the Daily staff.

We know we're not normal — think about it, who in their right mind would willingly stay in one room with six other people for about 11 hours a day, five days a week?

Something loony is bound to happen, and I'm putting my money on finals week when everyone's junked-out on caffeine, sleep-deprived and stressed-out.

I hate to admit it, but I try to figure out ways to get out of my finals every year.

In other words, I waste time, which should be used for studying, to amuse myself with excuses that are so stupid that I'd never even consider using them.

But what amuses me the most are the e-mails that go around this time of year.

For example, there's one with the top 22 signs that you are suffering from semester burnout.

No. 6 on the list states that "visions of the upcoming weekend help get you through Monday."

That's true, but I've done that every week since the beginning of the semester.

Have you ever left for a party and instinctively brought your backpack?

That's the No. 8 sign that you're burnt out.

It also has contaminating the campus water supply as a sign — have you walked by the Seventh Street plaza lately?

If not, try walking by a drink-inig fountain.

One look at that crusty white



Michelle Jew

SPOILED

stuff around the nozzle makes my thirst magically disappear.

The water supply was contaminated a long time ago, so don't waste your time.

But the true gold mine was the e-mail titled "Fun things to do during a final when you know you won't pass."

The e-mail lists 50 hilarious things.

Though I wouldn't try to pull any of them, it made me and some of the editors laugh.

For example, you could talk the entire way through the exam, read questions aloud and debate with yourself over the answers.

If anyone asks you to stop, yell out, "I'm so sure you can hear me thinking," then start talking about what a jerk the instructor is.

That's sure to win you some points.

Or you could go into the exam, and wait for about 15 minutes before you stand up, rip the paper into tiny pieces, throw them into the air and scream "Merry Christmas!"

If you're daring, you could ask for another copy of the exam — or beg for forgiveness as the University Police Department drags you out of the room kicking and screaming.

But whatever you do, please the finals stress, whether it's following some nutty advice you read in a column or trying to forget about them entirely, remember one thing: Once they're over, you're one step closer to winter break and the holidays.

That's what gets me through Monday.

Michelle Jew is the Spartan Daily Copy Editor. This is the babbling jabberwocky's last column. Good luck on your finals.

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Letters

Campus community deserves notification prior to decisions

Many cities require public notice before a large tree can be removed. These notices ensure that citizens can express their views and propose alternatives.

San Jose State University does things differently.

Guys show up with chainsaws one day and dismember the tree.

Fait accompli. It gets the job done, but the result is a sterile and ugly-looking campus.

I have no doubt that the pepper trees along the Seventh Street Plaza were old and diseased. Surely there is room on a large metropolitan university campus for a few trees that are old and diseased.

Recently in Danville, the city oak — the symbol of the city — was diagnosed as diseased and dying.

The city decided to keep the tree until it died and fell over. It is a very large tree in the middle of a street.

The usual excuse for eliminating trees is "they are dangerous." Everyone is afraid of being sued.

I'd almost suggest that given that fear, we should remove all large trees on campus, but I'm afraid someone would take me seriously and do it.

The pepper trees are gone. The policy worked.

I would suggest, however, that we do set up a notification policy.

When a rose garden is to be removed, when a tree is about to be cut down, when grass is about to be paved over, let's have a public notice so at least people can comment on the proposed change.

This campus needs to establish a community spirit and a culture of participation in decision making.

Roy Christman
lecturer
political science

Bruddah's Christmas wishes may be granted, all are valid

To Marcus Fuller, an Island Bruddah, your Christmas wish for wanting non-material things for Christmas is not against the rules.

The man upstairs came downstairs to Earth 2,000 years

ago to spend eternity with all who would accept him as their brother. Aloha.

Lawrence E. Miller
alumnus
criminal justice

Quote for the Daily:

"Dogs come when they're called.
Cats take a message and get back to you."

— Mary Bly

Sparta Guide

Today

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Father Charlie at 938-1610.

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Meditation — guided and instructional, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center Chapel, 300 S. 10th St. All meditators are welcome. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

Spartan Marching Band

Marching band scholarship benefit concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Event Center. Student donation of \$3. For more information, call Scott Pleson at 924-4643.

School of Music and Dance

Free Choreography I Showing: final projects, 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Studio Dance Theatre, SPX 219. For more information, call Donna at 924-5041.

Student Advantage

Get your free discount card! For

more information, e-mail Arlene at adiwa@studentadvantage.com or call 870-2086.

Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

Winter clothes drive: clothes will be collected for the Christmas season until Thursday in the boxes located in the Central Classroom building, Room 203.

Muslim Students Association

Ramadan Mubarak! Brothers and sisters who can break your fast and pray Maghrib with fellow brothers and sisters on campus, 4:30 p.m. in Allen Hall lounge, dial 4-8012 on the black phone outside the front door to enter. For more information, visit us at www.sjsu.edu/orgs/msa.

Tuesday

SJSU Sailing Club

Practice is from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lake Cunningham, near Raging Waters. No experience necessary, co-ed. For more information, call Joanna Dilley at (650) 799-3208 or e-mail JoDilley@aol.com.

Library Donations & Book Sales

Ongoing book sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clark Library, 4th floor, Room 408. For more information, call the acquisitions department at 924-2705.

Nutrition & Food Science Department

The latest body composition testing. It's quick, painless and fun, noon to 2 p.m. in the Central Classroom building, Room 221. Cost is \$5 for students and faculty. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

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RCIA: A look into the Catholic Church, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center.

Bible Trek 2001, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Social Hall. For more information, call Father Charlie at 938-1610.

The War Zone

Underground hip-hop on SJSU's radio waves with Oz and DJ Formula-One, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on 90.5 FM KSJS. For more information, call 924-KSJS.

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Wednesday

MECha Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan

Weekly meetings, 3:30 p.m. at the Chicano Resource Center/Module A. For more information, call Adriana Garcia at 815-8543.

Canterbury Community

Supper, fellowship, study and prayer for students on the Christian spiritual path, 6 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Roger Wharton at 605-1687.

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Faculty not the only group in need of affordable housing

This is in response to your editorial published on Dec. 5, "Proposed faculty housing is not a lasting solution."

I cannot even begin to understand whose bright idea it was to suggest to tear down Spartan Village in order to create a better and more affordable living situation for faculty.

Who, if I may ask, makes up the university?

I know that we need the support and guidance of professors to reach out and help us obtain the knowledge for our desired degree. But where are the students going to live?

As is, students are not returning to school because they cannot afford these outrageous

prices. How much money does Robert Caret or the faculty believe that students make?

Some of us are stuck living in the ghetto paying up to \$1,300 (sharing with up to 3 people) in rent for a one-bedroom apartment.

The dorms are something that I will never experience again.

Now some poor students are stuck living there with up to three people in that tiny rathole housing calls a room.

How much money does housing plan on milking out of its students?

What they (housing, Caret, the city of San Jose) should worry about is keeping their students and accommodating them.

One of my roommates is looking into the teaching field as a profession.

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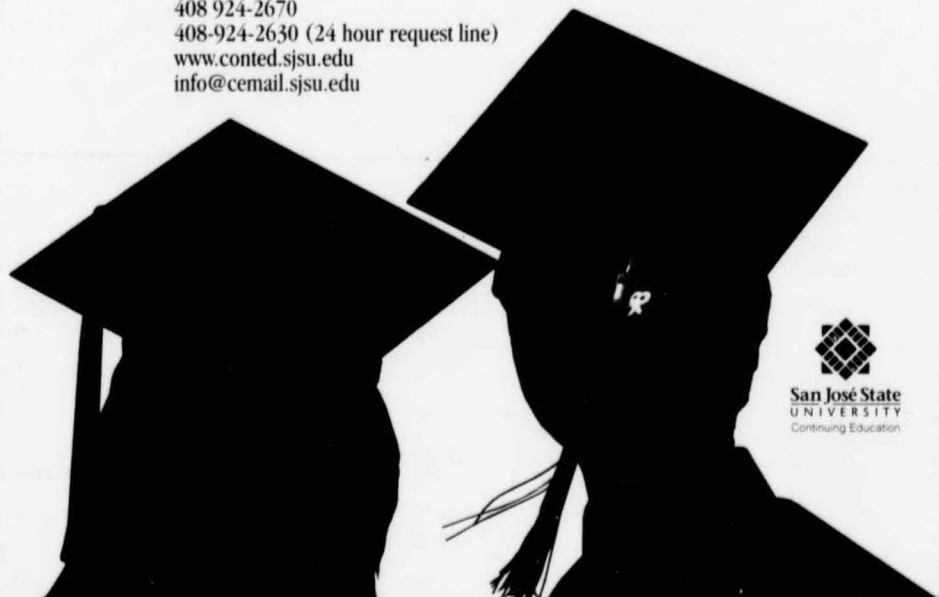
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PURPLE Reign

Prince plays to a sold-out crowd at Event Center

By Diana M. Ramirez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A little boy, walking with his mother past the Event Center toward the nursing department graduation Friday asked, "Mommy, are all these people lining up to graduate?"

For some fans lined up before for the Prince concert, it was almost as thrilling.

"This is my first time going. I'm so excited," said Stacci Collins of Redwood City. "I had tickets to see him when I was 14, but I couldn't drive and I didn't know San Francisco, so I didn't go. I've always regretted it."

Fans were not allowed to line up for tickets until 3 p.m. The show, however, didn't start until 8 p.m.

"They'll be able to line up at 3 p.m., but they won't get their tickets until 6 p.m.," said Jose Bencosme, an Event Center box office attendant.

He said tickets were handled this way to prevent scalping.

Collins didn't mind waiting in line at 3 p.m. to pick up her tick-

ets. "I've been here for an hour, but I think it's good to do this way," Collins said. "He's an artist, and he needs his money. I sing too, so I understand it."

Those working the box office weren't as understanding. Bencosme, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, said that usually about 250 people wait at the Will Call window to pick up tickets. With the method used for the Prince concert, all 7,000 tickets would be given out at the window.

"It's going to be a hassle," Bencosme said. "But they're die-hard fans, I guess."

Although the Event Center can hold 5,000 people for a seated concert, 7,000 tickets were sold to see the Purple One at the concert that would have seated and stand-up sections. Concertgoers were able to buy their tickets via telephone, Internet sales and the Warfield and Event Center box offices, however, tickets were not given out until just before the show.

Tickets for the concert went on sale Dec. 3 and sold out in 8 hours, according to Bencosme.



People waited in line before the Prince concert Friday night at the Event Center. Concertgoers started lining up at about noon for the 8 p.m. show.

Joel Turner /
Daily Staff

Kyle Cornelius, a blue-coat security guard from Bill Graham Presents, was giving orders to the line of fans waiting to get their tickets.

"Once you pick up your tickets, you need to walk directly into the venue. You can't wait for your friends, so make sure everyone in your party is with you," he said.

Although the crowd was large - about 100 people were lined up at 3 p.m. with more arriving by the minute - Cornelius said he usually doesn't have a problem with Prince fans.

"This is the first time we've

done a lineup like this before, but it's usually a well-behaved crowd," he said. "They just want to have fun."

A few fans wanted more than just fun.

Roxy Soberanis and Xena Clayton of Petaluma said the last time they were at a Prince concert, they were close enough to smell him.

"He smells like purple rain," Clayton said.

"We love Prince," Soberanis added.

The two fans said they have

been to three of Prince's concerts and were decked out in his signature color: purple.

"One time, Roxy went up to the stage and snapped a picture of him, and he didn't come out on film," Clayton said. "It was just a white light."

Clayton said she thinks the reason Prince didn't come out on film is "because he's God."

Another concertgoer was waiting in line with her 10-month-old daughter.

"She has got to be the youngest Prince fan," said Suni Rose of

Santa Clara. "She has no choice but to listen to his music."

Rose said that although she wanted to bring her daughter to the concert, it would probably have been too much for her.

"I just have her until the baby sitter gets here," she said.

Rose said that she has been to four Prince concerts and is always amazed by the diversity of the crowd.

"That's one thing I've always liked," she said. "There's such a huge range of people influenced by his music."

Big laughs, live music, comedy skits at Big Lil's Cabaret

By Trisha Santos

DAILY LIFESTYLES EDITOR

While most businesses along San Fernando Street are closed by 9 p.m., laughter blares from Big Lil's Cabaret.

Perhaps the laughter came about when comedian Robert Mack said his last name stood for user friendly.

Or maybe it was when Becky Pedigo, a comedian from Alamo, Texas, told the audience of 25 about the time she had a gig at a woman's prison and met an officer named Jerry Berry.

"I'm just not sure about people who could be an Otter Pop flavor," she said.

Thursday night is "Stand Up, it's Thursday Nite!" at Big Lil's Cabaret.

Amy Conners, a San Jose State University alumna and co-owner of the venue, said it is more than just a night of comedic entertainment because the show includes skits, singers and a live band.

"It's like Saturday Night Live and Evening at the Improv combined," she said.

Located next to Pizz'a Chicago, someone could easily overlook the entrance to Big Lil's, because there are no windows or flashing neon signs. Instead, the entrance consists of a brown overhang displaying Big Lil's moniker in white letters.

Gianna Evers of Livermore, Lisa Shattuck of Saratoga and Edna Wallace of Los Altos found out about comedy night from an advertisement in a weekly newspaper. It was their first visit at Big Lil's.

"As soon as you walk in, you

are greeted with a smile," Evers said.

"You don't get entertainment like this anymore," Shattuck said. "The atmosphere is nice and where else would you find velvet wallpaper?"

Entering Big Lil's Cabaret is a step back in time. The hand-carved saloon bar along the back wall and the stage along the front of the room give the atmosphere of an old Western dance hall. One might expect to see cancan dancers emerge through the thick red curtains.

The wallpaper, arranged in a weaving design, is made of gold foil and red velvet. Murals of wild Barbary Coast and black and white glossies of the performers adorn the walls. Crystal chandeliers, which provide dim lighting, hang from the 12-foot-high ceiling.

It was one audience member's first visit to the Cabaret. An employee of the Tech Museum, Sara Crasson said she had always been curious about Big Lil's because she heard ragtime music every time she walked by the Cabaret during her lunch break.

"I enjoy this type of vaudeville entertainment," she said.

Lauren Bittner and her date had been walking along San Fernando Street when they were convinced by Big Lil's employees to come inside and watch the show.

"It was great. I'm glad we went in and saw it," she said.

In between the comedians' performances, skits were presented. One skit involved a flamboyant German chef and his

equally effeminate assistant.

Another skit was about an ice cream man who became frustrated with a little girl who insisted on having chocolate ice cream even when he repeatedly told her that there wasn't any available.

He decides to engage the girl in a spelling game. He asks her to spell "van" in vanilla and "straw" in strawberry. Then he tells her to spell the "frig" in chocolate.

"Hey! There's no 'frig' in chocolate," the girl said.

"That's what I've been trying to tell you," the ice cream man said. "There's no friggin' chocolate!"

Then the audience was directed to the television screen mounted on the wall to the left of the stage. It showed Conners standing in front of the Tech Museum, trying to get passers-by to talk to her.

While most people tried to ignore her, one man volunteered to perform a routine combining hip-hop and tae kwon do.

Mack, the last comedian of the evening, capped the show by engaging the audience in a pop quiz where he said they would win a prize of his choice.

He pointed to one man and asked him how many children he had.

The man, who was in his mid-20s, said he didn't have any children.

"Ooh, I'm sorry," Mack said. He looked at his cards and said, "It says here you have two children."

Big Lil's Cabaret has been around for twelve years, and co-owner Amy Conners used to

work there as a performer until she and her husband bought the venue eight years ago. There are noontime performances and as well as melodramas and vaudeville reviews on Friday and Saturday evenings, Conners said.

"Stand Up, it's Thursday Nite!" at Big Lil's begins at 9 p.m. and only patrons 21 years

old and over are admitted with a fee of \$10. Students are half-price with school I.D.

Shattuck, who was celebrating her birthday, described the entertainment as well-rounded.

"I've never seen anything like this before," she said. "You get a live band, singer, skits, audience participation ... It's wonderful!"

BIG LIL'S CABARET

WHAT: Live comedy, skits, live music

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House CD gets body movin'

By Ben Aguirre Jr.

DAILY STAFF WRITER

With samples from a wide variety of music genres, Little Louie Vega and Erick Morillo have notched a winner with the double compact disc set "House Nation America: Ministry of Sound."

Beats that flow for more than two-and-one-half hours should keep the listener's attention throughout both CDs.

REVIEW

The first disc, mixed by Vega, displays a wide array of music including salsa, Polynesian, and jazz, all of which are combined with the traditional beats of house music.

Starting with a slow, mellow pace, the steady mix of pianos, bongos and trumpets quickly moves into a faster-paced rhythm which is similar to other club mixes.

Even though the first disc is mainly instrumental, the lyrical content adds to the mix with positive messages.

With a soothing voice, Kimara Lovelace displays her

vocal skills on track No. 9, titled "Misery." It is the story of a woman breaking out of an unhealthy relationship, with lyrics like "I gave my love / to own your love" and "I wanna be free / free / don't treat me like your misery."

Beats that flow for more than two-and-one-half hours should keep the listeners attention throughout both CDs.

The only drawback on disc one is "Father," the 10th track.

It is plagued with an annoying hook and the only purpose it serves is a break in the action when the listener hits the forward button.

However, disc one picks the momentum back up after that failed effort and finishes strong.

Where the first CD leaves off, the second picks up and takes it up a notch.

Providing a faster-paced rhythm than the first, Vega's counterpart, Marillo, mixes 17 racks of pure dance attitude.

Track No. 2, titled "Scream and Shout," with its repetitive phrases of "I just wanna lift my hands / I just wanna scream and shout / lift my hands / scream and shout," sets the tone for more than an hour of head-bobbing, hand and body-moving beats.

Morillo manages to insert Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech into track No. 4, titled "Invaders," which flows into the fifth track and also possesses the same high-tempo rhythm as the previous four.

The only major setback this compilation has is its initial appearance. It could turn off the prospective buyer with its dull cover, displaying a red background and the words "House Nation America" with the disc jockeys' names.

All appearance issues aside, a double CD such as this should score big with house listeners who enjoy dancing or who love music that will make time fly.

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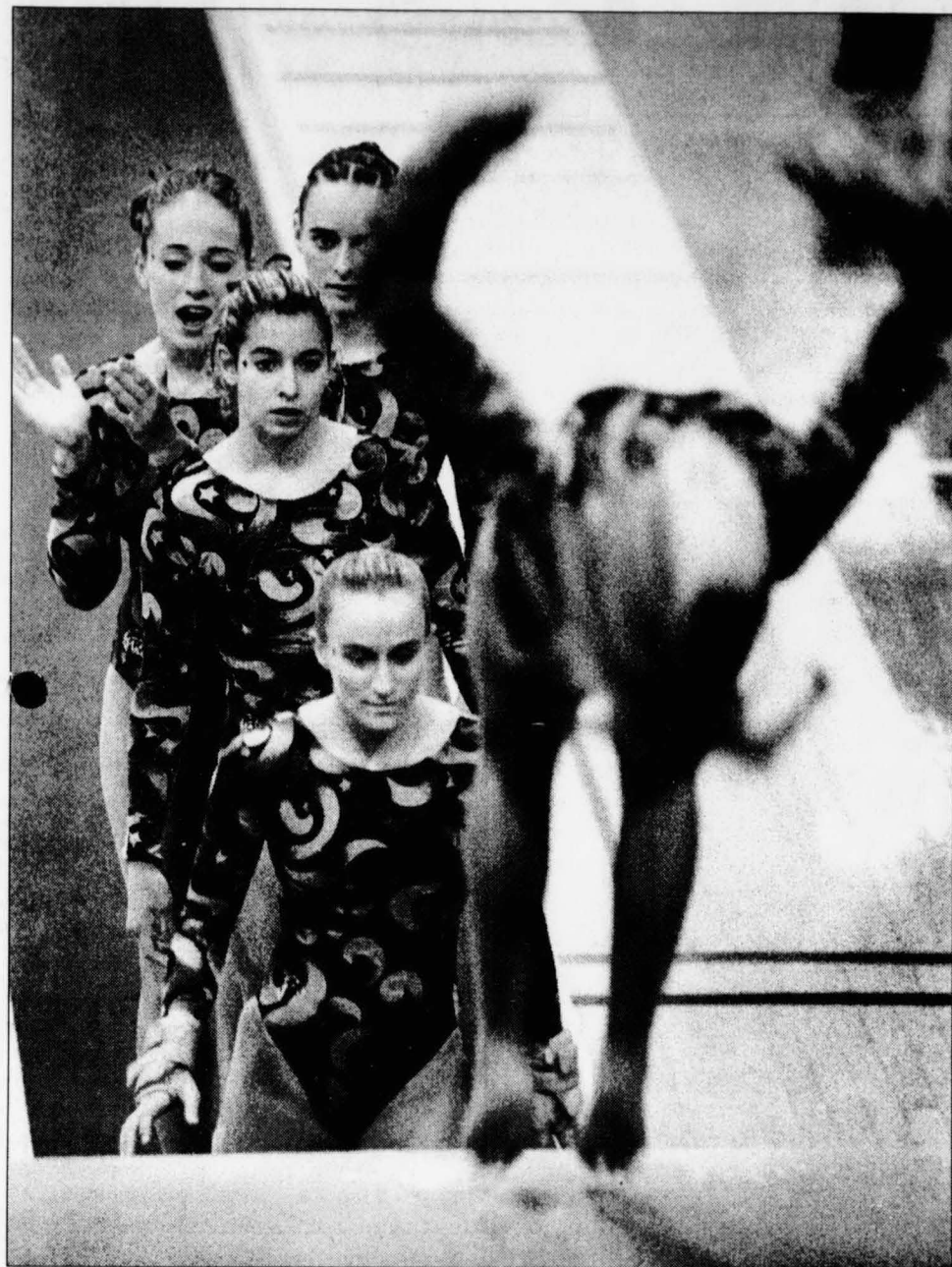
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Above, Sophomore Kelli McCoy warms up on the vault while teammates watch her routine before the intrasquad competition to showcase the 2000-2001 Spartan gymnastics team.

Right, Freshman Melisa Scheele competed on the vault during the Spartan Spectacular Gymnastics Carnival in Spartan Gym on Saturday. The exhibition meet featured an intrasquad competition, prizes and performances by children's gymnastics clubs.

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Daily Staff



BALANCING ACT

Spartan gymnasts seek redemption on the beam with talented veterans and newcomers

By Kellie Chittenden

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Balance will be key for the Spartan gymnastics team if it wants to make it to the 2001 regional championships.

The beam is the one event that daunted the team last season. Saturday, it came back to haunt them at the Super Spartan Spectacular at the Spartan Gym.

"We had a lot of falls off the beam," head coach Jackie Walker said. "This is our first time in front of judges and an audience, and that's the purpose of this meet, to get all those jitters out."

The meet was judged, but there were no competitors. It served largely as an exhibition and a platform to develop a training strategy to prepare for the regular season, Walker said.

"The whole purpose of today is to assess where we are, what the judges think of what we do today," Walker said. "Then we can go from here and plan for the next six weeks and be ready for the first meet with Arizona."

Based on its performance at the Spartan Spectacular, Walker said the team needs to build endurance in the floor exercise and fine-tune its form on the uneven bars. Walker said the Spartans also need to build their confidence on the balance beam.

The competitive season for the SJSU gymnastics team begins with the Silicon Valley Gymnastics Classic on Jan. 19 at the Spartan Gym.

The gymnastics team competes in four events: floor exercise, balance beam, uneven bars and vault.

Walker said she was especially pleased with the team's performance on the uneven bars.

"The team has improved a lot. We have much more depth, especially on the uneven bars."

— Jackie Walker,
head coach

"The team has improved a lot. We have much more depth, especially on the uneven bars."

Walker said this year's recruits, freshmen Shirla Choy, Kami Glennon and Melisa Scheele, will add to the team's dynamics.

"They're outstanding recruits. They're very good on uneven bars," Walker said. "Actually, they're good all-around gymnasts."

Junior Kimberly Cianci was named most outstanding gymnast last season with personal bests in all events except for the beam.

"She gets more and more confident every year," Walker said.

Cianci's confidence and determination was displayed in her goal for the upcoming season.

"I want to break my beam record this year," Cianci said.

Cianci placed seventh overall at the National Invitational Tournament last season.

Junior Tasya Talbot said the chance to compete at the invitational was "a major step, but our big goal is to make regionals this

year."

Talbot's personal goals include recovering from a torn achilles tendon that she suffered during practice last April.

Talbot was one of the team's top performers in the floor exercise last season, Walker said.

"We're hoping that she can, at least, by the first third or middle of the season, be back on the floor."

Walker said to make it to the regionals, the team must score consistently during the 12 week-ends of competition.

"That isn't going to happen unless you stay on the balance beam," she added.

Missing from the team this season will be Tanika Byrd, winner of last year's most valuable gymnast award.

Byrd, who graduated in May, set a new school record with a 9.900 score on the balance beam and had personal bests on the uneven bars (9.500) and floor exercise (9.800) during the 2000 season.

Byrd also placed fourth at the National Invitational, earning first-team all-National Invitational Tournament honors.

SPARTAN WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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ATHLETES OF T

Those following San Jose State University athletics had much to smile about this fall.

The school had four different teams in position to compete for a league championship.

The Spartan men's soccer team held the distinction of being the nation's only undefeated team in Division I with

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a school record of 20 wins. SJSU was also rated the No. 1 team in the country by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America at the end of the regular season.

The women's soccer team defeated two nationally ranked squads and came away with

the Western Athletic Conference title and a first round National Collegiate Athletic Association bid.

After defeating Stanford for the third consecutive year, the football team defeated a legitimate bowl contender in then-No. 9 ranked Texas Christian

University. The Spartans ended the season with their best record (7-5) since 1992.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams enjoyed success, which saw their seasons end in 14th and 20th place in the NCAA West Regional championships.

Behind the scenes, several individuals directed each squad's drive to the promised land.

Seven gifted athletes brought the characteristics of a Spartan — courage and discipline — to the field, track and court and used them to dominate the opposition.

— Marcus R. Fuller



THE SPEED DEMON

Brandy Apodaca is fast. She is in control.

"She is one of the team leaders and she showed it on and off the field," women's interim soccer coach Tamie Grimes said. "She is amazingly fast and has tremendous speed. She is one of the fastest players in the nation."

Apodaca, Spartan women's senior midfielder, can beat the opponents downfield and can anticipate the defense.

Her speed has helped her to six goals and four assists during the Spartans' Western Athletic Conference Championship season.

Her keen eye helps her anticipate the opponent's moves. And her timing is impeccable.

"She managed to score goals at the right time," Grimes said.

Apodaca scored the game-winning goal against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the Spartans' home-opener Aug. 29. But it was more than her style and agility that earned her a spot on the all-WAC second team this season.

As a Spartan co-captain, she was a leader in all aspects of the word.

— Clarissa Aljentera



THE RECORD BREAKER

One of the all-time best volleyball players in Spartan history? You bet.

Record breaker, team leader, tenacious warrior and an opponent's nightmare. These are the words that epitomize senior middle blocker Joslynn Gallop.

Thunderous spikes, game saving digs and opponent-stuffing blocks are her favorite things to do on the volleyball court.

The 6-foot-1-inch Roseburg, Ore., native is a go-to player and a dominator.

Gallop is ferocious on the court, and

modest off of it.

During her Spartan career, she has achieved such honors as Western Athletic Conference co-player of the year, first team all-WAC selection and WAC freshman of the year.

You name it — blocks, kills, digs and assists — she does it all.

She's a bona fide superstar.

Look out, before Gallop stampedes past you.

— Tiffani Aljentera

THE 1-2 PUNCH

Their aggression is let out on the soccer field. They dribbled, passed, scored and attacked harder than most of their opponents. San Jose State University men's soccer players Ryan Suarez (left in picture) and Jorge Martinez (right) pushed it to the next level.

Each game was a new opportunity to display their talent.

Suarez, a senior defender, was everywhere at once. He would play offense on set pieces, such as corner kicks, and then hustle back on defense to stop the opponent. Suarez, who was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Mountain Division player of the year, scored five goals and had three assists.

Martinez led the Spartans with 17 goals and 11 assists and earned a spot on the first team

all-Mountain Division this season.

As a result, both were named to the All-American first team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America on Friday.

Martinez and Suarez were perfect complements for each other.

Suarez would steal the ball and hit it short to the midfielder. Martinez would sprint down the side for a score.

"Players like that only come around once in a decade," said SJSU head coach Gary St. Clair.

"Both made real strides. Ryan added a distinct structure to the game. Early on, he lacked discipline and structure, but he always had talent. Jorge has come 360 degrees. He can score, find the other players and grab assists."

— Clarissa Aljentera



THE SEMESTER

THE DYNAMO

Take a good, long look at this picture of Deonce Whitaker. Enjoy it. Opposing defenses would be jealous because they don't get the liberty. While Whitaker, a tailback for the Spartan football team, is captured on this page, it rarely happens on the gridiron.

A defender may have his eye on Whitaker, but with a single blink, the backfield dynamo is 40 yards down the field.

He baffles linemen, drags linebackers and explodes past the secondary.

With an uncanny ability to find every hole, crease or open inch on the field, Whitaker bounces around the opposition like a 5-foot-6-inch, 185-pound pinball.

He exploited the University of Nebraska defense. He made Stanford University look like a high school squad. And against the University of Hawai'i, he proved he can rule an island for a night.

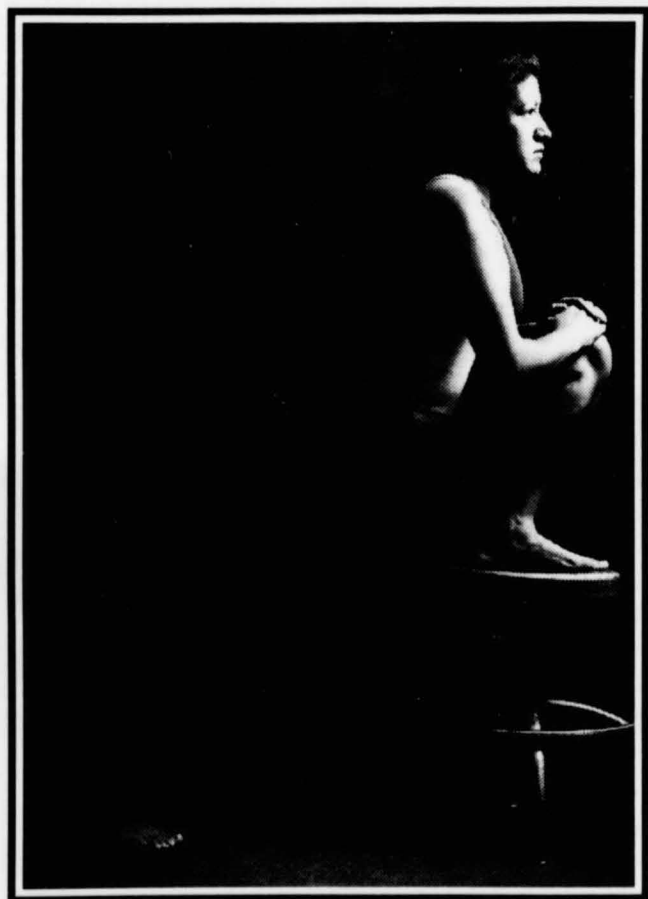
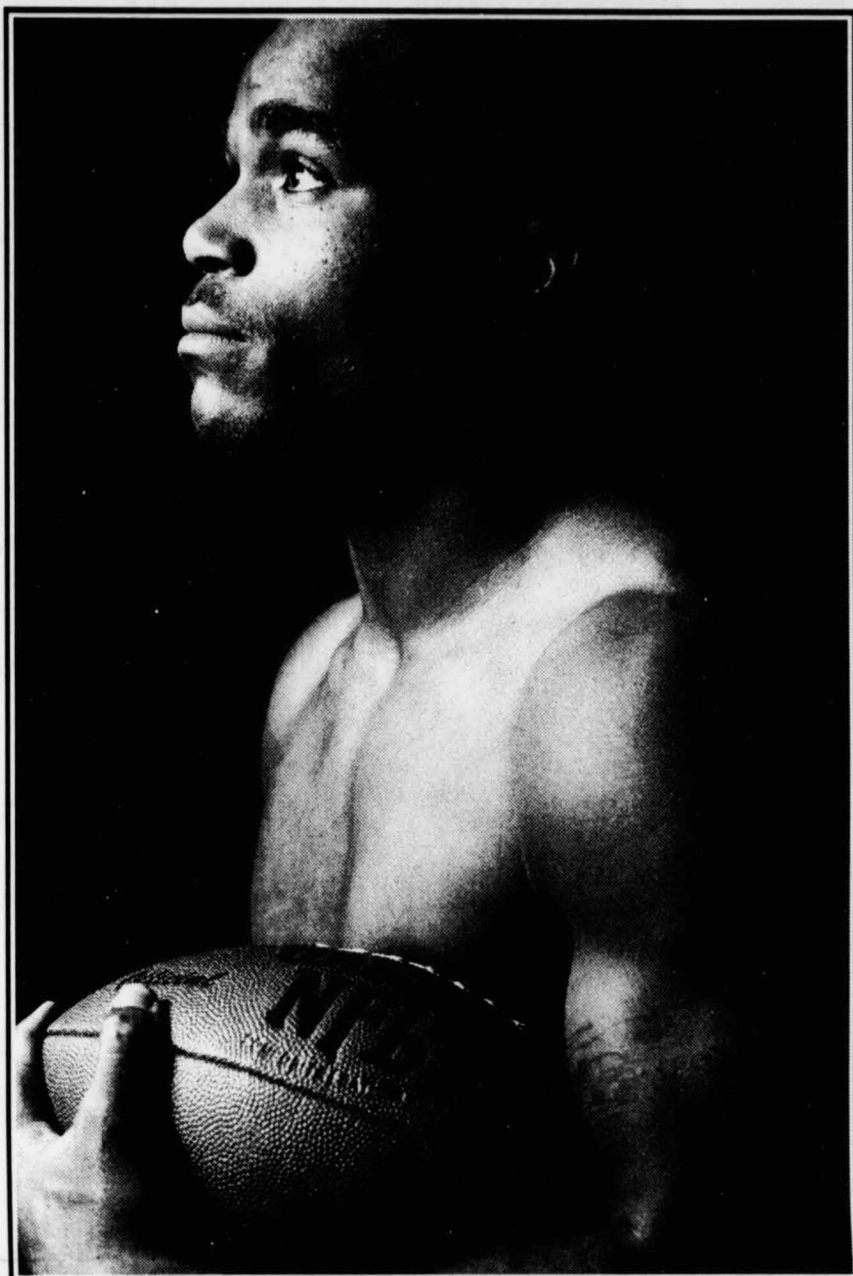
For proof, look no further than his statistics this season: 1,577 yards rushing, 15 touchdowns, an average of 158 yards per game (third in the country) and seven yards per carry. Keep in mind, he missed two games because of an injury.

He set the single-season San Jose State University rushing yardage record, was named to the all-Western Athletic Conference first team and was a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award, which is given to the nation's top running back.

With the possibility of another season as a Spartan looming for Whitaker, the best advice for opposing teams is to cut out his picture and post it in the locker room. Make a "wanted" poster, if need be. But it won't work.

They can run and run all they want, but they can't catch Deonce Whitaker.

— Mike Osegueda



THE QUIET STORM

Like the calm before a storm, Ana Martinez's quiet nature explodes on the track. The 5-foot-3-inch junior is co-captain of the women's cross country team in her third season at San Jose State University.

"Soon as the gun goes off, she's right out there with the leaders," coach Auggie Argabright said. "She has a good heart, trains hard and is a competitor."

Argabright said Martinez made an instant impact on the team.

"She's been one of the team's top three runners since she's been here," Argabright said. "She's a super person and a real hard worker. After she gets out of school, she can run long distance races for money."

In 1999, Martinez earned second team

all-Western Athletic Conference honors.

Her hard work paid off when Martinez finished 57th individually to lead SJSU to a 20th place finish at the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association West Region Women's Cross Country Championships held at Woodward Park, Calif.

The King City native was a first team all-WAC selection and finished seventh in the women's 5,000 meter race at the conference meet.

She was named WAC player of the week.

Martinez is an environmental studies major with minors in chemistry and kinesiology.

— Beau Dowling

THE FINISHER

While competing against Trevor Marca, opposing runners must keep something in mind: They'll see him at the finish line.

Coach Auggie Argabright said Marca, a co-captain, is a coach on the field.

"If he wasn't so light, he would be a linebacker on the football team," Argabright said. "He only weighs 130 pounds, but he has a lot of aggressiveness."

The 6-foot-1-inch senior on the men's cross country team is in his third year at San Jose State University.

Ever since Marca transferred from Long Beach State University in his sophomore year, he has been a leader, Argabright said.

He opened his Spartan career by winning the Pacific Invitational in 1998 with 15:36 on a three-mile course.

In 1999, Marca was named MVP after turning in three top-five finishes during the season.

At the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association West Regional Championships, Marca finished in 51st place, leading SJSU to a 14th place finish.

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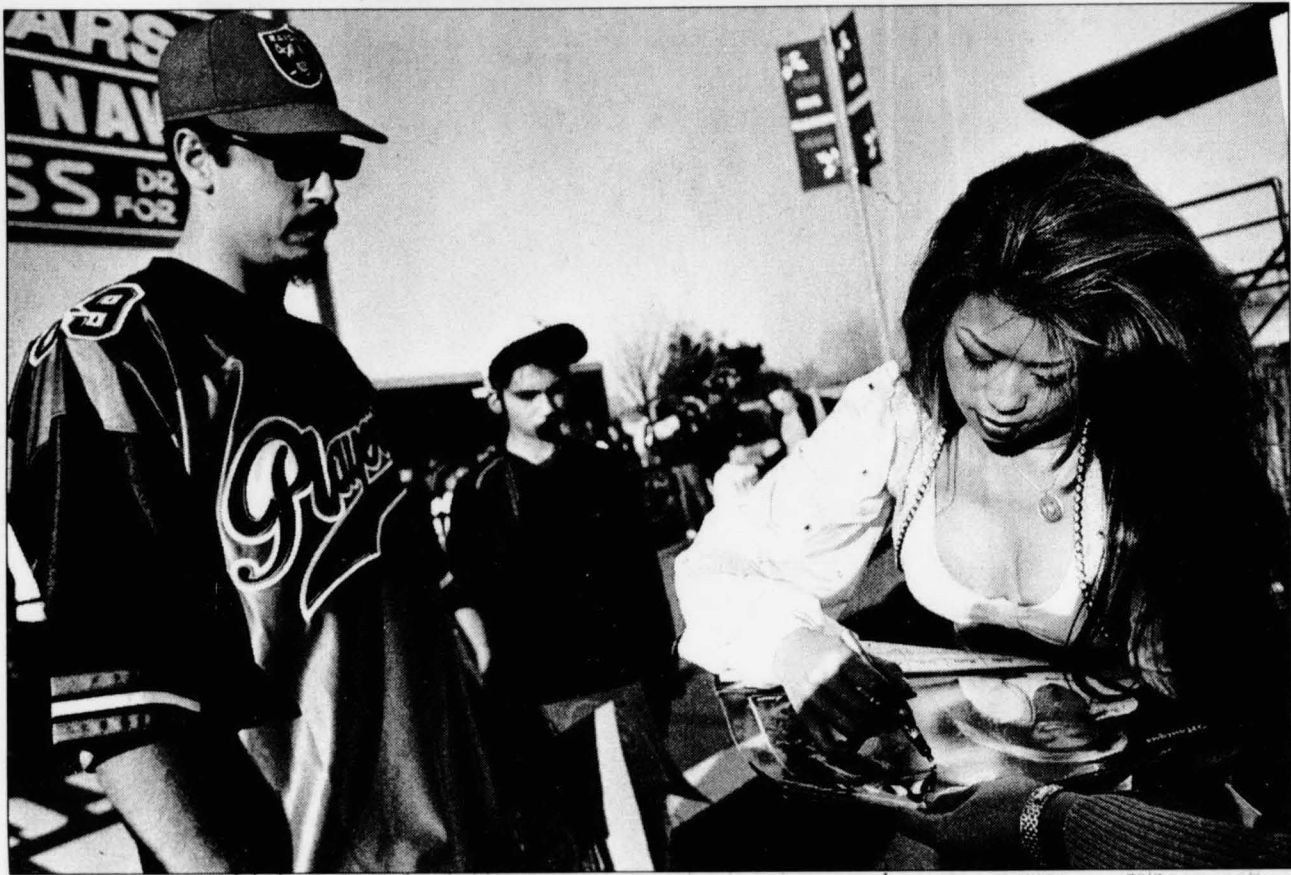
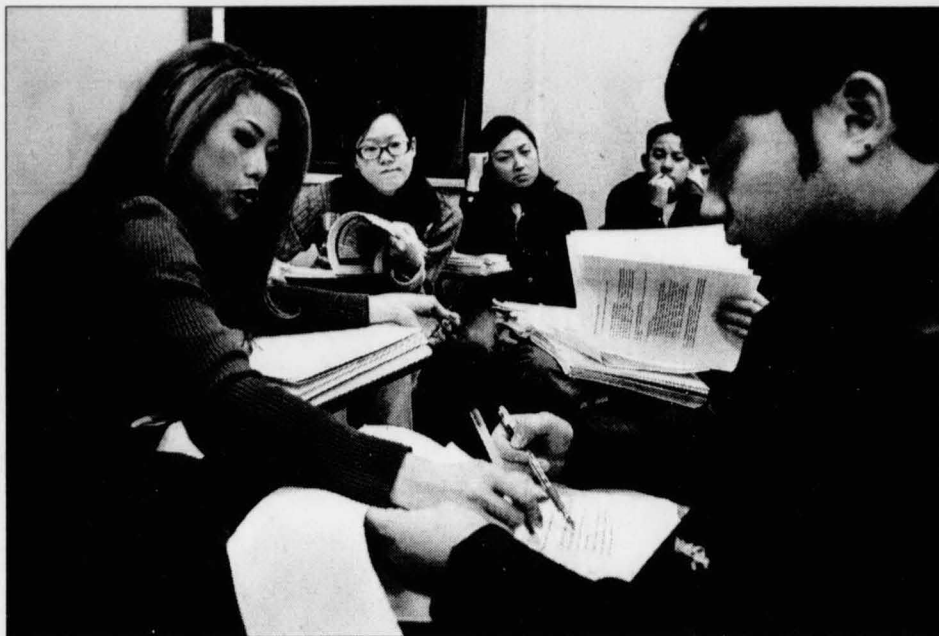
The Burbank native is a business marketing major and is interested in attending law school after college.

— Beau Dowling



Right, Loreen Lee gives advice to one of her classmates, Chirluy Cheng, right, for their group project in Adv. 128. Lee, a senior majoring in advertising at San Jose State University, said it is the hardest time of the year because she has several school projects due and she has to keep up with weekly practices and events to be a Raiderette.

Below, Lee signs her name on her page of the Raiderettes 2001 calendar to Shane Lechler during an ESPN Raiders event at the Southland Mall. Lee said she enjoys the attention people give her because she is a Raiderette.



photos by Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

LEE: Advertising student balances life of cheerleading, charity and academics

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because of her involvement with the Raiders.

"It's good motivation," Lee said of his sister. "It gives her a sense of responsibility. It gives her a sense of confidence."

Maryling Lu, who has known Loreen Lee for five years, said Lee is a loyal person who will do anything for a friend.

"I went through a really hard time when I was breaking up with my boyfriend," Lu said. "She always dropped everything for me. She made me get back on my feet. That's something I will always be grateful for. She's really, truly a great person."

Although Lee enjoys being a Raiderette, she said she doesn't want others to stereotype her as someone who is just a cheerleader. She said she wants to dispel the notion of the stereotype.

and Talent Show for three consecutive years and wrote her own script.

In the final year, she became a host.

Lee, who was asked by the talent show to appear in a calendar, said she was flattered by the compliments she received.

"I just kept thinking, wow, people really want to take pictures of me," Lee said. "I'm flattered if someone pays me a compliment. That's something I would have never gotten before."

Although he is not a huge sports fan, Joe Shelton, Lee's boyfriend, said he is a huge fan of Lee and has seen her perform in three games this season. Shelton said Lee has a great sense of humor and a big heart.

"She doesn't prejudice anybody," Shelton said. "She sees everybody at eye level. She's nice and sweet, and that's why people fall in love with her."

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— Loreen Lee, Raiderette and SJSU student

"We do at least 10 charities per girl throughout the season, which is good because we're involved with the community as well as being cheerleaders," Lee said. "It's kind of known that if you're a cheerleader, you're kind of bebopping around. That's exactly why when we go out and do so many of these charities and have contact with people, they can tell how we are. They can see how our personalities are."

The 28-year-old rookie Raiderette was a resident of San Mateo for 25 years. She said she decided to become a Spartan because she wanted to stay close to home.

In addition to being a full-time student and a Raiderette, the San Mateo native said she began to model after high school to try to boost her self-esteem. She participated in the Asian Spokesmodel

Lee, also known as DJ Chinnadol, said she has spun records at Harry Denton's Starlight Room in San Francisco.

"I have such a passion for music," Lee said. "I got a chance to learn how to deejay. It's just something I love to do. If I wasn't a Raiderette, I'd go back to doing that."

Lee said people were surprised that a female was the mix master.

"A lot of people don't expect to see a female DJ — they think I'm on the microphone," Lee said. "I said 'No, I actually mix the records.'"

Lee said she has moved on from her high school days when she was a wallflower and has become a more confident person.

"I shouldn't have to show myself to other people," Lee said. "Just leave the past behind."

GOD: Essay contest will continue in the spring semester

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idea of an "excluded middle," a term used in the study of logic, which he defined as claiming something can be true or false, but not both simultaneously.

"What the variable is (in such an argument) is irrelevant," he said.

He said he also assumed in his essay that arguing "false" to the essay contest question meant God "definitely" exists and arguing "true" to the question means it is "impossible" for God to exist and not exist simultaneously.

Flemming said he also made the assumption there are both objective and subjective ways of understanding concepts.

To prove the "excluded middle" false, Flemming used mathematical and physical models and the idea that there are both subjective and objective ways of understanding the defining properties of something.

Flemming concluded that in order to determine whether the essay statement is true (the "excluded middle" holds) or false (the "excluded middle" doesn't hold), one would have to either prove or disprove God's existence or prove that the definition of God is objective — or possibly both.

approach to the essay question.

Hunt agreed that the truth of the statement, "Either God exists or doesn't exist" is based on the logical principle of the "excluded middle" and said that this "middle ground" is one which agnosticism, the belief that humanity can have no knowledge about the existence of an eternal being, "seeks to occupy."

Hunt argued that agnosticism cannot occupy this middle ground because it (agnosticism) routinely proves itself to be "self-defeating."

For example, to argue against 20th-century Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein's position that one cannot speak of God, nor should one attempt to because "whatever lies on the other side is nonsense," Hunt used theologian Norman Geisler's argument from the book "Christian Apologetics" — "The very attempt to deny all expressions about God is an expression about God."

Hunt also presented similar arguments against the views of philosophers Immanuel Kant and A.J. Ayer.

Hunt concluded the agnostic views of Wittgenstein, Kant and Ayer illustrate the logical inconsistencies of occupying the middle ground between theism and atheism.

The contest developed from a suggestion by Chick D'Arpino, a retired San Jose brick mason and benefactor to SJSU, he said.

Leddy said the essay contests have always been open to anyone who is a student, faculty or staff member at SJSU. The first essay contest took place in the fall semester of 1999.

D'Arpino also provides funding for the contest, Leddy said.

Ideas for past essay topics have come from D'Arpino in consultation with faculty members.

"Basically he (D'Arpino) goes around to professors in various departments (mainly philosophy, humanities, religious studies and physics), makes suggestions and receives recommendations for revision," Leddy said.

Leddy and philosophy department lecturers Barbara Scholz and Richard Greene were the judges for this semester's essay contest, D'Arpino said.

The judges determined the criteria used to evaluate the six contest entries, Leddy said.

"We judged the essays according to the usual standards of philosophy: excellence of argument, understanding of the issues involved in the question, originality and clarity," he said.

The question for the fall 1999 essay contest was, "Is there an objective answer to the question, 'Does God exist?'" Leddy said. The essay question for the spring 2000 contest was, "Should God be a factor in the scientific search for extraterrestrial intelligence? If 'yes,' then how can we incorporate this factor?"

D'Arpino explained his reason for choosing questions about God's existence as topics for the essay contest.

"I'm motivated to try the Socratic approach," he said. "I believe we can prove the answer to this God question."

D'Arpino said next semester's essay question will be, "Can God be defined in a way that allows for the possibility of empirical confirmation of God's existence?"

He said he will raise the prize to \$400 for the best essay in the spring 2001 semester contest.

D'Arpino said several people have asked him, "Gee, Chick, can you get another question than the God question?"

He said he is working with psychology department faculty members to refine the fall 2001 essay question, "What's the difference between who we are and what we are?"

"It is possible for humanity to know something about the evidence for God, even if the empirical inquiries lead to the conclusion that there is no evidence for God."

— Joel C. Hunt, graduate student in philosophy

"In order to do either of these or both, the definition of God would have to contain enough specificity to allow for objectivity," Flemming said. "Given the arguments I've seen for and against this type of God's existence, I see no way to verify whether such a God exists or not. Therefore, I have no way to determine whether this variable is objective or not."

"So I can't claim that the being exists or does not exclusively, nor can I claim the being exists and does not simultaneously," he said. "The question then can be true, false or undetermined."

Hunt, a graduate student in philosophy and a former Lutheran minister, took a different

"At least some knowledge of God is attainable," Hunt concluded. "It is possible for humanity to gain at least some knowledge about the attributes of God, even if the chief attribute of God is nonbeing. It is possible for humanity to know something of the presence of God, even if that 'something' is non-existence. Finally, it is possible for humanity to know something about the evidence for God, even if empirical inquiries lead to the conclusion that there is no evidence for God."

An essay contest is scheduled to take place each semester, although topics and sponsoring departments will vary, Leddy said.

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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

To the Board of Directors
Spartan Shops, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Spartan Shops, Inc. (a California State University Auxiliary Organization) as of June 30, 2000, and the related statements of income and expenses of the auxiliary activities fund, changes in fund balances by fund for the year then ended and the supporting schedules 1 and 2 (supplementary information on pages 22 and 23). These financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and schedules are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement and schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Spartan Shops, Inc. as of June 30, 2000, and the changes in fund balances and cash flows by fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and the supporting schedules 1 and 2 (supplementary information on pages 22 and 23), in our opinion, present fairly in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

The supplemental schedules on pages 16 to 23 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material aspects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Grant Thornton LLP
San Jose, California
August 25, 2000

SPARTAN SHOPS, INC. San Jose State University The California State University Auxiliary Organization Statement of Financial Condition Year Ending June 30, 2000

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$1,286,464
Receivables:	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 865,378
Returns to publishers	340,530
Receivable from other fund	1,205,908
Inventories	53,097
Prepaid expenses	1,734,698
Total Current Assets	4,358,370
Fixed Assets, At Cost:	
Land	\$ 400,000
Building	813,800
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	3,379,153
Leasehold improvements	4,189,756
Total Fixed Assets	\$8,782,709
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,048,415)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,092,664
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable, trade	\$1,578,440
Payable to other fund	53,097
Accrued liabilities	404,660
Total Current Liabilities	\$2,036,197
Accrued Post Retirement Benefits	1,196,643
Fund Balances:	
Designated	\$ 508,992
Retained Earnings	5,350,832
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$9,092,664

A complete set of the audited financial statements may be obtained or reviewed in the Executive Director's Office located on campus in the Old Cafeteria Building.

CHANGE IN COMMAND

Bylund, Osegueda
take over reins
of Spartan Daily

By Diana M. Ramirez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Geoff Bylund, the newly chosen advertising director for the Spartan Daily, had a completely different interviewing experience than Mike Osegueda, spring semester 2001's executive editor for the campus newspaper.

Osegueda was the only Spartan Daily staff member to run for the newspaper's top position. He vied for the position last semester, along with current executive editor Christina Lucarotti, but said that because he didn't feel confident in himself, he recommended that Lucarotti be given the position.

"Last year I was so scared," Osegueda said. "This year, no one ran against me, and I wasn't scared until I walked into that room (the interview)."

For the selection process, Osegueda went before a panel consisting of journalism professors Richard Craig, Bob Rucker, Jan Shaw, William Tillinghast, and Dennis Wilcox and Spartan Daily editors Christina Lucarotti, Erin Mayes and Lexey Swall.

Bylund had one other person to contend with: fellow account executive Brent Landthorn, and a more informal meeting with advertising adviser Jack Quinton.

"It was a little more laid back," Bylund said.

Competition between Bylund and Landthorn could not be described as stiff, he said.

"We're pretty good friends," he said. "It wasn't going to come down to cutthroat competition."

Bylund had not anticipated becoming the advertising director for next semester.

"It just kind of happened," Bylund said. "I came in just to get my internship out of the way."

Unlike journalism majors, students majoring in advertising are allowed to use their first semester on the Spartan Daily to fulfill their internship requirement.

"It's a little more uncommon for people to return for a second semester," Bylund said. "It's not reusable for credit, but it's definitely a fun class."

Next semester, instead of selling ads, Bylund will be taking advertisements sold by the staff and creating an ad scheme in preparation for newspaper pro-



photos by Lexey Swall / Daily Staff

Above, Marigold Magpantay, left, advertising director, and Christina Lucarotti, executive editor, have completed their terms as top executives in the 67th year of the Spartan Daily. Right, Mike Osegueda, left, and Geoffrey Bylund will take the Spartan Daily into the new millennium. Osegueda was selected to be the new executive editor and Bylund will serve as the new advertising director for the spring semester.



preparation for newspaper production.

The executive editor position was one that Osegueda said he has always strived for.

"I planned on doing this the first time I walked through those doors," he said. "Now my responsibilities have totally taken off."

Next semester, instead of designing the paper, Osegueda said he will be responsible for the whole thing.

"Everything's on your back," he said. "Everyone comes to you for every problem, every mistake, every question."

Osegueda said he feels that he's been around long enough to know what he's doing.

"What has changed for me is the confidence," he said. "I had my internship and got a view of what

internship and got a view of what the real world is like."

Osegueda interned at the Fresno Bee last summer as a sports writer. He said the internship is what helped him gain confidence in his abilities and himself.

"I've never been out in that environment before where you have to sink or swim," Osegueda said. "I was out on a bigger level, a way bigger level than where I am now."

He said he plans to improve one of the newspaper's aspects for next semester.

"We need to train people better," he said. "We should be known for producing quality journalists."

Students are on the newspaper staff to learn, Osegueda said. The staff should realize this is the first time students are writing for a

time students are writing for a newspaper and they need help, he said.

Bylund hopes to improve the relationship with the Spartan Daily staff next semester.

"I have good personal skills, and I hope I can pass them on to the account executives," he said. "I think I'll be able to bring a fun atmosphere. It definitely helps to keep the morale up."

Bylund said when it comes time to choose someone to replace him, he'll be looking for someone who is outgoing and committed to advertising.

"It takes a lot of time," Bylund said. "You definitely have to want to do it and have to be here a lot."

Marigold Magpantay, current advertising director, was able to give her views on Bylund to Quinton.

Journalism coordinator Bob Rucker noticed Osegueda's strong emotion during the interview process.

"He has strong points of view but said he would use proper professional ethics and discretion with regards to leading the staff," Rucker said.

Rucker said it isn't an easy task to motivate students, such as those on the Spartan Daily staff, who already have busy schedules.

"Anyone who would question Mike's ability to be fair and neutral is not giving him a chance," Rucker said. "He's got strong points of view but that has not stopped any of us from doing our jobs appropriately."

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Journalism coordinator Bob

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of Wisconsin wanted the school to either establish minimum standards for a group in order to receive funds or to let students withhold their money from groups they found objectionable.

Out of the student fees collected at SJSU, there is a specified amount of \$100,000 that goes toward supporting campus organizations every year, according to Davila.

Currently, a group would have to construct a funding proposal that would be initially reviewed by the A.S. controller, Davila said. The A.S. committee, which ultimately decides how much money to allocate to the organization, would then review it. Groups are only able to make one proposal per semester and the maximum allocation is \$3,000, Davila said.

"Our policy is open to anyone," he said. "There is a different court precedent that says that any student can petition against the student fees."

Carlos Aguirre, A.S. controller, acts as the chief financial officer for Associated Students.

"If anyone came and complained about supporting a certain group, we would let them know about this procedure," Aguirre said.

He explained that the form to petition against a portion of the mandatory student fees is available through the A.S. business office.

"Maybe, regardless of the ruling, A.S. should make sure students are informed of this procedure," Aguirre said. "But when people really have problems with us, they let us know."

The SJSU schedule of classes and course catalog mention fee refunds, but neither one specifies that if students object to their fees being used to support groups that they don't agree with, a partial refund can be made.

On page 405 of the catalog, the "Refund of Fees" section states that any details concerning fees that can be refunded, the procedures and the action that should be followed can be found in Title 5 of the California

"I've never had any students ask for this money back."

— Carlos Aguirre, A.S. Controller

Code of Regulations.

"I think most students know it would come down to pennies," Aguirre said. "I've never had any student ask for this money back. It hasn't happened in the past couple of years."

Aguirre said the various student organizations add variety to campus life.

"Different pseudo-political or religious groups with different ideologies contribute to the educational experience," he said. "Some may not have popular views, but they challenge us to analyze our views."

Officials confident about Endeavour's chances

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Another chapter in the construction of the international space station was to conclude with the landing of the space shuttle Endeavour.

Although there was a slight chance for showers at Kennedy Space Center, shuttle entry flight director Leroy Cain said officials are confident Endeavour can touch down in Florida on Monday.

"The weather outlook is very good," Cain said.

The possibility the weather could deteriorate on Tuesday prompted NASA officials to activate Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., as a secondary landing site.

"It's an insurance policy for us," Cain said.

Endeavour will have two opportunities to land in Florida on Monday. If those are scrubbed, there will also be two chances to land at Edwards.

Cain said the diminishing amount of the shuttle's supply of lye, which helps clean carbon dioxide, will allow Endeavour to remain in orbit only through Wednesday.

Nearing the end of their 11-day mission, the shuttle crew on Sunday reflected on successfully completing its objective: outfitting space station Alpha

with solar wings spreading 240 feet from tip to tip.

"I'm in the pure joy mode right now," astronaut Joe Tanner said from Endeavour in an interview with The Associated Press. He and spacewalking partner Carlos Noriega installed the solar wings last week, then went back out to make an unexpected repair on a wing that was too slack.

Until the new solar wings were installed one month into their four-month mission, station commander Bill Shepherd and cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev had to skimp on electricity.

The \$600 million solar wings — the largest and most powerful ever built for a spacecraft — are already generating up to 42 kilowatts of electricity for the three men on board.

Shepherd and his Russian crewmates have been aboard Alpha since Nov. 2. They will remain there through late February.

The next shuttle to visit the space station will be Atlantis, which will deliver and install the American lab Destiny in January.

NASA expects to complete the space station by 2006.

Patient's struggle shows other side of drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unable to speak, Rob O'Neill moans in pain as his stomach and intestines struggle to digest food. It's a sound the parents of this disabled man have heard since July, when the only therapy that helps — the heartburn drug Propulsid — was pulled from pharmacy shelves.

Propulsid's maker promised a special program to keep shipping the pill to certain people with no other hope, but doctors say many patients like the 22-year-old O'Neill of Lexington, Ky. — who cannot process food because of severe cerebral palsy — are still waiting.

His struggle illustrates a story usually untold: What happens to seriously ill people when the only drug that has ever helped them is banned?

"We're living with a person who's been suffering every single day since July," said O'Neill's mother, Jenny. "I just want them to have a face on it that's human. This isn't academic to us."

Propulsid, once a best-selling heartburn

remedy, was banned from general use in July after the Food and Drug Administration linked it to dangerous irregular heartbeats in 340 people, including 80 who died.

For some patients with more serious disorders than simple heartburn, Propulsid was the only treatment that pushed food through their partly paralyzed digestive tracts.

So the FDA and Propulsid maker Janssen Pharmaceutica created a unique "compassionate-use" program: Certain very ill patients could keep taking Propulsid in special scientific studies that carefully monitor their hearts.

Doctors and patients must meet strict criteria to participate.

Janssen says it has shipped medication for 144 patients since registration began in May and is evaluating whether to accept another 90 participants who doctors claim are eligible.

Some doctors say hundreds more people — particularly children whose digestive

tract progressively degrades — may need Propulsid but, like O'Neill, have not made it onto the list.

"We haven't found them (Janssen) unhelpful, but I think they are being inundated with requests," said O'Neill's doctor, University of Kentucky gastroenterologist Willem de Villiers. "It's really very difficult. You have to jump through a lot of hoops."

To ease such frustration, the FDA just approved some steps to help more ill patients get Propulsid faster — including letting doctors seek a 60-day emergency supply of pills before a patient is formally accepted into the program.

"It's a stop-gap measure to make sure appropriate patients don't run out of the drug," Janssen spokesman Greg Panico said.

He acknowledges some doctors find enrollment difficult but says it has to be strict: "The whole purpose of the program is to make sure the drug is used safely."

Why all the clamor for a drug deemed so

dangerous it could not be sold to most Americans?

Propulsid helps activate electrical rhythms in the stomach to push food through the digestive tract.

For average heartburn, most doctors agree that is not needed.

But for some severe disorders, such as the partial digestive tract paralysis that plagues both O'Neill and many diabetics, specialists say it's a treatment mainstay.

The question is whether Janssen's special program can let these people safely use Propulsid. Hence the restrictions:

Doctors must qualify and get permission to participate from hospital panels that review scientific studies.

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SJSU to team up with middle schools

By Diana M. Ramirez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Low-income, disadvantaged middle school students from East San Jose will soon get the opportunity to prepare for college.

Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, also known as GEAR UP, San Jose State University plans to team up with four San Jose middle schools to launch the academic program.

The five-year grant, which totals \$5.7 million, is one of the largest awarded by GEAR UP and is the second in two years that SJSU has received.

GEAR UP, a program enacted in 1998 for at-risk youths, works toward providing college opportunities for low-income middle schools, according to the program's Web site.

The program funds partnerships between the schools - in this case Matheson, Fischer, Fair and McKinley middle schools - and uni-

versities, and provides tutoring, mentoring, information on college preparation, information on financial aid and, in some cases, scholarships. Partnerships are also made between the middle schools and community organizations or businesses.

"The program is primarily for middle school kids," said Andrew Hughey, a professor of education and the head coordinator for the GEAR UP project.

The program works with students in seventh grade all the way through high school graduation. According to the Web site, research shows that students are more likely to succeed in high school and go on to college if they are challenged academically in middle school.

"We also want to work together with the community and family," Hughey said. "This way, we can raise our educational value together."

Hughey said he has been interviewing students and professors from the education and counseling departments at SJSU as candidates for the project.

The program will focus on raising math and reading skills as well as helping students believe they are capable of attending college, Hughey said.

"We're going to make sure the kids have what they need to get here," Hughey said. "Our goal is to increase access to SJSU and other universities."

Luciano Amietan, an eighth grade teacher at Fischer Middle School and a site coordinator for 21st Century Community Learning Center, plans to be involved with the project.

"It's a way to give students a glimpse of what they need to have to exist in Silicon Valley," Amietan said.

Amietan said the program would encourage students to do well in school, thus creating more windows of opportunity for them.

"It's a continuation of what's already been happening with our 21st Century CLC," Amietan said, referring to the program already in place at Fischer Middle School.

Similar to GEAR UP, 21st Century CLC also helps students do

well in school and encourages them to attend college.

"The whole idea is to start working with the kids and push them into algebra so they can do better at this (middle school) level," Amietan said. "Sort of the way Jaime Escalante did at Garfield High School."

Amietan was referring to a math teacher in an East Los Angeles high school who encouraged his students to take the Advanced Placement Calculus exam.

He said if students are given a chance and are shown what their abilities are, they will be able to help their families to succeed as well.

"They're going to pull up their younger brothers and sisters," Amietan said. "They will be an example to them and it will give parents a chance to see their kids' abilities."

For Hughey, the results of the program are a little different than Amietan's views.

"Our payoff will be when those seventh graders attend SJSU," he said.

BRAINS: Ceremony performed twice a year at Campus Ministry Chapel

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is the president of the Catholic Campus Ministry at San Jose State University and helped organize the event.

McGrath conducted the blessing, which made it particularly special, Ferrie said.

As the traffic from 10th Street created background noise that filtered into the otherwise silent chapel, McGrath asked the students in the room to stand as churchgoers raised their hands to invoke the blessing.

"We thank you for, and ask you to bless the young men and women in our midst to whom you have given the opportunity to study and learn about the mysteries of the mind and stars," McGrath said. "Remove all anxiety, misgivings and doubt from their consciousness, empower them with confidence, unlock the store of knowledge in their minds as they prepare to sit for their final examinations this semester."

Shawn Nguyen, a finance and marketing major, said he has attended past brain blessings.

"I think it opens up my mind," Nguyen said. "It relaxes me because of my faith. I believe that with the blessing of the brain, I will study much quicker, and I will learn much faster."

Ferrie said the blessing energizes her so she can prepare for finals.

"After it's over, it's such a relief," Ferrie said. "I can just go home and study for a little while. I've been getting A's on all my papers, so I guess it's working."

Students received "brain bags" filled with snacks, pens, apples and hot cocoa mix at the end of the Mass.

Ferrie said she prepared about 80 brain bags, which is twice as many as last year.

"This place is just growing like crazy, and we're trying to keep up with it," she said.

Power supplier issues another warning

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California's main power supplier issued an emergency warning for the seventh consecutive day Sunday, and utilities in the Northwest urged customers to cut back electricity use as temperatures there plunged.

"A warning like this is price-blind, it's not an economic action. Energy isn't available at any price," said Dulcy Mahar, a spokeswoman for the Northwest Emergency Response Team, comprised of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho utilities and state representatives.

The Northwest group met Sunday and reissued a Stage Two warning for the region, where temperatures were about 15 degrees below normal.

While the Northwest cold snap isn't expected to be as harsh as previously thought, forecasters still expect temperatures will dip well into the 20s this week.

"Just about every degree above what was previously expected

makes things a little bit better," Jay Albrecht, a National Weather Service forecaster in Seattle, said of the weather's impact on the energy crisis.

The cold weather in the Northwest affects much of California because as the cold increases, natural gas that powers generating facilities could be diverted to Washington and Oregon to heat homes and offices.

The Independent System Operator, which manages the power grid that serves 75 percent of California, also issued a Stage Two emergency on Sunday and urged residents statewide to keep their holiday lights off until 7 p.m.

Stage Two emergencies, indicating power reserves are at less than 5 percent, were issued in California each day last week, and on Thursday, an unprecedented Stage Three emergency was issued, meaning reserves had fallen below 1 percent and the threat of rolling outages loomed.

Electricity deregulation, the

cold weather and rising power costs have been blamed for the state's recent power problems.

California approved a phased-in deregulation of the electricity market in 1996 in an effort to lower prices for consumers through competition, but so far it has only led to higher energy prices. The Northwest, which relies on hydroelectric power, has struggled with low water tables and has had to import electricity from other states, including California.

At the request of California officials, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Friday approved lifting price caps on wholesale California electricity to ease the power crunch. The order means the \$250 per megawatt hour limit for wholesale electricity can be exceeded if the sellers can justify the costs. A megawatt is enough to power about 1,000 homes.

California Gov. Gray Davis criticized the move saying it would

only lead to more price increases. But officials with the power grid operator said Sunday that lifting the price cap had already affected the power market.

Wholesale power costs have been soaring, due in large part to skyrocketing prices for natural gas. Wholesale natural gas, which sold for less than \$20 per million British thermal units a week ago, now sells for three times that.

"Our emergency action we took on Friday has certainly helped," said Independent System Operator spokeswoman Stephanie McCorkle. "It made megawatts available to the market."

The power flow will receive another boost Monday when a unit at the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant in the San Francisco Bay Area is expected to resume production after one of its two units was shut down for maintenance, McCorkle said. The two units can provide enough power for about 2 million people.

Turfgrass becomes Virginia's No. 1 product

SUFFOLK, Va. (AP) — A farmer searching for greener pastures has turned his soybean field into 185 acres of grass.

William L. Shelton of Holland has entered Virginia's largest sector of agriculture: turfgrass.

Two years ago, 1.37 million acres of maintained turfgrass were planted in the state. That figure grows daily, said Susan Floyd, executive director of the Virginia Turfgrass Council Inc., compared with 500,000 acres each of soybeans and corn in 1998, 92,000 acres of cotton and 1.26 million acres of hay.

"The grain market has gotten so bad right now that farmers have got to do something," Shelton said last week. "A friend of mine in Danville grows turfgrass, and I thought we ought to be able to do it here."

Shelton had an Oregon company blend a special fescue specifically for the sometimes humid, sometimes dry climate of the Hampton Roads region, in southeastern Virginia.

"This blend has been tested to hold up around here," he said.

Shelton started with an L-shaped field near Buckhorn, on land historically known as Aston Farm. From that, Suffolk's newest

farm gets its name.

"Aston Turf," he said with a grin. "We thought it sounded like AstroTurf."

Preparing the field for turf is a big job, Shelton said. It has to be perfectly smooth and flat before seed can be spread. The field is covered with a biodegradable white plastic mesh made in Israel. Special machinery is required for each operation. Shelton estimated that he has invested more than \$500,000 in Aston Turf Farm.

Virginia's golf courses alone maintain nearly 34,000 acres of turfgrass, with annual maintenance expenses of \$91 million. Industry-wide, there has been a 214 percent increase in turf equipment in the last 16 years.

Shelton wants to cash in on that. But first, he wants to focus on the residential market in Hampton Roads.

"When people buy a \$300,000 home, they don't want to be bothered with mud," he said. "They want an established lawn right away."

Shelton planted the field Nov. 1. He bought a machine that will move into the fields in March or April and cut the layers of sod just below the roots. The rolls then will be loaded onto trucks and delivered to lawns across the area.



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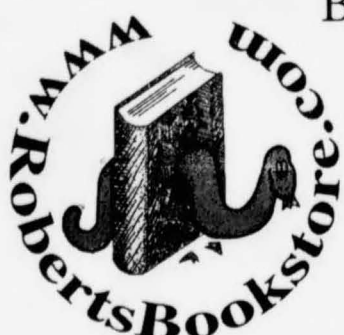
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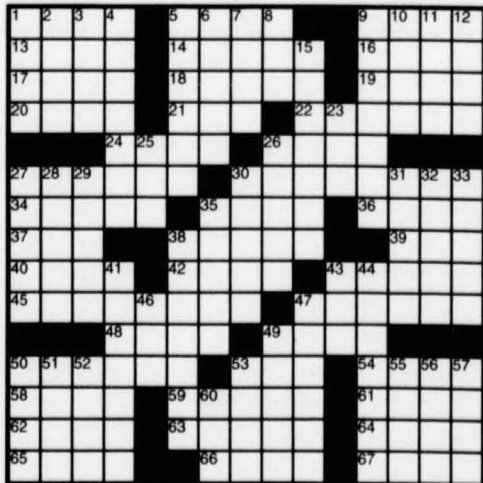
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PAYROLL: Proposed Student Administration to streamline systems

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agement and Human Resources programs would go in first. A third program, Student Administration, would go in at a later date.

Streamlined admissions, financial aid and centralized systems for enrollment and advising are some of the features of the Student Administration program.

Features of the Financial Management program include recording and reporting transactions, planning and budgeting and integration of data from multiple sources.

Howell remained pragmatic. "We are perfectly happy the way things are," she said, adding that she was unaware of the status of the new software.

"If the PeopleSoft system is going to make it better for us, than that is the way to go," she said.

Paul Siegel, manager of the university's accounting and costing department for more than 10 years and head of the university's general ledger, said he was looking forward to the change.

Siegel referred to the universi-

ty's present financial reporting system as "legacy" software.

"It's older, mainframe style software," he said. "A vendor designed package."

Sold to other universities and colleges across the country, the CSU bought it and significantly tailored it to run the CSU system.

"It doesn't meet everybody's needs," Siegel said.

Each month, a hard-copy report is issued to every department on campus.

"It is basically a budget report," he said. "There is a summary report and three detailed reports that back it up."

Typical questions now are how much has been spent and what is left to spend.

"It was hard to interpret for people who are not used to reading financial reports," Siegel said. "We hope that that is something we can improve on."

Siegel said he was in the process of designing additional reports and hopes to make them available for online inquiries as well as in hard copies.

"The reports will incorporate suggestions made by on-campus users," he said.

Memorabilia of presidential campaigns shown in exhibit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential winners and losers get equal billing in an exhibition of memorabilia that covers 43 campaigns since Andrew Jackson beat incumbent John Quincy Adams in 1828, four years after losing to him.

Material from this year's campaign is included — with blanks, for now, for the vote totals for Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore.

The exhibit offers a handsome red-and-white bandanna celebrating Indian fighter William Henry Harrison. He lost in 1836 and won in 1840, only to die after just a month in office.

The show devotes a big board to the 2000 election, including literature from candidates from the Reform Party, the Libertarians and even the Communist Party U.S.A.

"Vote Green — Overgrow the Government!" says a bright emerald bumper sticker endorsing Ralph Nader, this year's Green Party nominee.

The exhibit, "Bright Stars through the Perilous Fight" is at George Washington University's Gelman Library until Jan. 26.

Among the flags, posters, buttons and photos, the show includes such offbeat material as a pocket watch decorated with the faces of unsuccessful Democratic candidate James Cox in 1920 and his running mate, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There's also button boasting Wendell Willkie, Roosevelt's GOP opponent in his third campaign.

"No man is good three times," says the Willkie button. Roosevelt won the White House four times.

A century-old four-color ad touts "The President Suspender," billed as the most comfortable ever made. It's a painting of successful Republican candidate William McKinley and his failed Democratic rival, William Jennings Bryan. They're pictured inspecting suspenders displayed by a young woman draped in stars and stripes.

Bryan was the most persistent loser among major party candidates, running unsuccessfully three times before becoming secretary of state under President Wilson. He later prosecuted John Scopes in the famed "monkey trial" for teaching evolution in violation of Tennessee law.

Other losers had less spectacular careers. After winning a 51 percent majority in 1876, Democrat Samuel G. Tilden lost by one electoral vote to Rutherford B. Hayes. There was a long fight and a deal in which Southern Democrats were appeased by the withdrawal of troops who had been stationed in the South since the Civil War.

Some of Tilden's dissatisfied supporters muttered about resuming the war, but Tilden put a stop to that and refused to be considered by the next Democratic convention.

There were serious candidates whose names are now familiar to few. John C. Fremont was a famous explorer in his day, governor of both California and Arizona, and in 1856 the first presidential candidate of the modern Republican Party. After his defeat by Democrat James Buchanan, he commanded Union forces in the West during the Civil War.

Other generals were also failed presidential candidates. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock's Union troops turned back Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. As a Democratic candidate, Hancock racked up only 1,898 votes fewer than victorious Republican James A. Garfield. Hancock was heard of little after that.

Gen. George B. McClellan was fired by Lincoln and then lost to him as Democratic nominee in the 1864 election.

PRESIDENT: Democrats discuss worst-case scenario but refuse to concede

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the state.

Bush argued that there is no fair way to count the ballots that didn't register votes in a machine count, and the legislative branch of government — not the courts — should determine the nation's 43rd president.

Neither side committed to giving up if the Supreme Court issues an adverse decision, but even Gore's advisers conceded he has fewer options than Bush beyond the high court.

"If no votes are counted, then I think that's the end of the road," said David Boies, who will argue the case for Gore. But the lawyer stopped short of saying his client would bow out if the Supreme Court ruled against him, suggesting Gore might await appeals of failed Democratic lawsuits seeking to throw out up to 25,000 Florida absentee ballots.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, a Gore supporter, told ABC, "I believe he will" concede if the court rules against him and Bush should do the same if the tables are turned.

"I believe that probably is the last word, and it's the last chance to have this issue not go to the United States Congress," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., of the court.

Gore's own advisers said privately the pressure to concede would be unbearable if the Democrat lost the Supreme Court fight.

They discussed worst-case scenarios in small groups during the

weekend, including the possibility that Gore would suspend his campaign with a high-minded speech that stopped just short of a concession.

That would leave his options open in the event that Democrats prevail in the absentee ballot cases or the Supreme Court ruling is viewed as partisan and political pressure builds against Bush, senior advisers said.

"It's for the president of the United States. If they have to go through every last vote, they should do it."

— Christina Fernandez, sophomore

The Supreme Court is pressing against deadlines set in the U.S. Constitution. States must assign electors Tuesday, and those individuals are scheduled to meet Dec. 18 as the Electoral College to name the nation's next president.

With the judiciary and legislative branches potentially at odds, the Supreme Court is assessing Bush's arguments against recounts. The Florida Legislature has the sole right to assign state

electors and reviewing ballots under a variety of county standards would violate due process requirements in the U.S. Constitution.

Gore wants recounts of about 45,000 so-called undervotes — ballots in which no selection for president was detected by voting machines. In a 4-3 decision, the Florida Supreme Court approved the plan for a weekend recount, prompting Bush's appeal to the nation's highest court.

Bush's point man in Florida, former secretary of state James A. Baker III, said the Texas governor is not afraid of every vote being counted. "The question is, what is every legal vote?"

Some SJSU students felt that every vote should count in a decision this important.

"With something as big as the presidential election, they should go ahead with the manual recount," said Christina Fernandez, a sophomore majoring in psychology.

"It's for the president of the United States," Fernandez said. "If they have to go through every last vote, they should do it."

Boies said the high court's action Saturday suggests he has "a hill to climb" Monday. "I think that you've got five justices there that have decided that there is a substantial probability that Gov. Bush is right on this issue," Boies said.

Boies said Gore is betting that written and oral arguments will "convince them that we are right and that those votes ought to be counted."

Baker refused to say Bush would

concede if the Supreme Court ruled against him.

He also warned that Republicans could try to swing Gore electors to their side if Democrats try to turn GOP electors against Bush.

"Maybe we ought to consider doing the same thing to theirs," Baker told CNN. "What's fair for one side seems to me is fair for the other."

The refusal to concede by either party has many exasperated by the whole thing.

"It's ridiculous that we still don't have a president," said Maria Sio, a junior majoring in industrial systems engineering at SJSU.

Despite any allegations, Gore has denied any involvement in attempts to sway electors, who traditionally are loyal to the candidate who selects them. If Bush wins Florida's 25 electors, he will be just one electoral vote over the 270 needed to claim the presidency — giving him little margin against defecting electors.

Majority Republicans in the Florida Legislature plan to oversee testimony Monday from legal experts and public witnesses on lawmakers' authority in presidential election.

The House could vote as early as Tuesday on a presidential slate. The Senate isn't expected to take action before Wednesday.

Rudy Diaz, a sophomore studying international business at SJSU, said he felt the U.S. government is corrupted after this ordeal to elect a president.

"Hopefully, whoever wins will fix it," said Diaz.

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